

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL, URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 327, House Office Building

Chair Byrum called the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Griffin, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Farrah, Johnson (2/11)

The **Chair** asked the clerk to read a letter from **Speaker Dillon** to Richard J. Brown, Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives, appointing the following Members of the 94th Legislature to the House Standing Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs: **Representatives Byrum (Chair), Young (Maj. VC), Coulouris, Farrah, Griffin, Johnson, Meadows, Pavlov (Min. VC), Nitz, Meekhof and Opsommer.**

Chair Byrum announced that the official meeting schedule for the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs will be **Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 327 of the Anderson House Office Building.**

Representative Meadows moved to adopt the meeting schedule.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Meadows, Pavlov, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (8/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed.**

A presentation on organization and finance issues facing Michigan's local governments was given by **Dr. Lynn Harvey**, Professor and Associate Director, Michigan State University Extension and Agricultural Economics.

Representative Meekhof moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Byrum** excused **Representatives Farrah and Johnson.**

A presentation on issues facing urban communities in Michigan was given by **Jonathan Bradford**, Chief Executive Officer, Inner City Christian Federation, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:37 a.m.**

Representative Barb Byrum, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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